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October 05, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2010
FORENSIC DNA BACKLOG REDUCTION PROGRAM
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request Board approval authorizing the Sheriff of Los Angeles County (County) to sign and accept a grant award in the amount of \$1,561,300 from the United States Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice (NIJ), for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program (DNA Program).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the Sheriff to accept NIJ's Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 DNA Program grant award from NIJ for FY 2010-11 in the amount of \$1,561,300 with no matching funds.
2. Delegate authority to the Sheriff, or his designee, to sign and execute the Agreement and submit all grant documents, including applications, agreements, amendments, modifications, augmentations, extensions, and renewals.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The objectives of NIJ's FY 2010 DNA Program is to assist awarded agencies and/or jurisdictions with reducing the forensic DNA backlog, improving their capacity of DNA analysis, and improving their existing crime laboratory infrastructure. To successfully achieve the objective of this DNA Program, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) will use the grant funds to pay overtime

for laboratory staff directly engaged in handling, screening, analysis, report review, and Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) entry of DNA evidence, as well as to outsource DNA evidence to accredited fee-for-service laboratories.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan, Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness; and Goal 5, Public Safety. With the grant funds being directed toward assisting the Department in improving the operations of the Crime Lab, the Department will be given the opportunity to complete its mission more effectively and efficiently, as well as maintain the safety and security of the residents of the County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The term of the 2010 DNA Program is for a period of 18 months from October 1, 2010, to March 31, 2012. This is the seventh year of funding under this Program. The FY 2010-11 funding in the amount of \$1,561,300 (salaries and employee benefits - \$170,651 and services and supplies – \$1,390,649) is offset by Federal funds with no local match.

Funding for this program has been included in the Department's operational budget for FY 2010-11.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On May 12, 2010, the Department submitted an application in response to NIJ's FY 2010 DNA Program grant solicitation. Upon review of the Department's application, NIJ selected the Department to be a grant recipient of \$1,561,300 with no local match required.

The grant period will begin upon Board approval, and the grant award will be in effect for 18 months ending on March 31, 2012.

This Board letter has been reviewed as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The program may create a workload increase for the County's Justice Departments as suspects are identified from offender databases and subsequently charged with a crime. The Department has made contact with each of the County Justice Departments.

This grant funding will have a positive impact on current services by improving the capacity to analyze DNA.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return two individually certified copies of the adopted Board letter to the Department's Grants Unit.

Sincerely



LEROY D. BACA
Sheriff

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Enclosures

Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office
Grant Management Statement for Grants Exceeding \$100,000

Department: Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Grant Project Title and Description: NIJ's FY 2010 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program

This funding will be used to reduce the number of forensic cases awaiting DNA analysis, to reduce the total number of backlog of sexual assault kits and turnaround time, to outsource the backlogged cases to accredited fee for service laboratories, and purchases replacement and new equipment.

Funding Agency
National Institute of Justice

Program (Fed. Grant # /State Bill or Code #)
2010-DN-BX-K100

Grant Acceptance Deadline

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|--|------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Total Amount of Grant Funding: | \$1,561,300 | County Match Requirements: | 0 |
| Grant Period: | 10/01/2010 -03/31/2012 | Begin Date: | 10/01/2010 |
| | | End Date: | 03/31/2012 |
| Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant: | 0 | Full Time | 0 |
| | | Part Time | 0 |

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program? N/A

Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? N/A

Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires? No

If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:

a). Absorb the program cost without reducing other No

b). Identify other revenue sources No

(Describe)

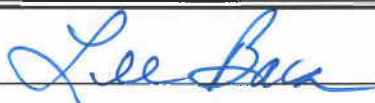
c). Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.

Yes

Impact of additional personnel on existing space: None

Other requirements not mentioned above: None

Department Head Signature



Date

